Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-16. (Cancelled)

- 17. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a valve stem for a pressurized metered dose inhaler comprising an elongate stem element, a first sealing element, and a second sealing element longitudinally spaced from the first sealing element—and a sealing element, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing a first mold shape;
- b) molding a first material comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyaryletherketones, thermotropic liquid crystalline polymers, polymethylpentene, polyphenylene sulfide and mixtures thereof to form the elongate stem element;
- c) providing a second mold shape containing at least in part the elongate stem element; and
- d) molding a second material comprising a thermosettable elastomer, to form the <u>first and second individual sealing elements sealing element</u>, such that the <u>first and second individual sealing elements are sealing element is</u> arranged onto and co-molded with <u>at least</u> a portion of the elongate stem element.

Claims 18-19. (Cancelled)

- 20. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing according to <u>claim claims</u>-17, wherein the method further comprises an additional step of:
- e) curing said second material, said step being performed subsequent to step d).
- 21. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing according to <u>claim 17 elaim 20</u>, wherein step d) comprises sequentially molding the second material to form the first

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and second individual scaling elements wherein the method further comprises an additional step of:

f) removing said second mold shape, said step being performed either prior to or subsequent to step e).

Claims 22-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing according to claim 21, wherein the method comprises further comprise the additional step of:

<u>f)</u> [[g)]] thermally treating the <u>first and second individual sealing elements</u> sealing element, said step being performed subsequent to <u>step e) both steps e) and f).</u>

25. (Previously presented) A method of manufacturing according to claim 17, wherein the step of molding the first material and/or the step of molding the second material is injection molding.

Claims 26-32. (Cancelled)